

TFW

A circular black ink stamp from the Intellectual Property Office (IPO). The text "O I P E" is curved along the top inner edge, and "J C 139" is at the top right. The date "MAY 13 2004" is stamped in the center. The words "PATENT &amp; TRADEMARK OFFICE" are curved along the bottom inner edge. To the right of the stamp, the letters "In" are partially visible.

~~In re~~ Application of:

Group No. 2672

Filed: November 18, 2003

May 12, 2004

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

- (1) U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0006218
- (2) U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0080918
- (3) U.S. Patent No. 5,779,634
- (4) JP 05-056953

A copy of Document (4) is enclosed. Pursuant to 1276 OG 55, copies of the remaining documents are not enclosed.

Document (4) is discussed in the specification and might be deemed pertinent for the reasons given there. In addition, Document (3) is believed to be an English language counterpart of Document (4).

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office by telephone at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Attorney for Applicant

Registration No. 30,622

FITZPATRICK, CELLA, HARPER & SCINTO  
30 Rockefeller Plaza  
New York, New York 10112-3800  
Facsimile: (212) 218-2200

